



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Dry and warm.

Barley seeding half done.

Livestock in good condition.

Precipitation through Friday averaged below normal for nearly all of the state. The week brought much warmer daytime temperatures. Daytime highs were mostly in the low 50's to low 70's while nighttime temperatures dropped mostly into the teens and low 20's.

Only light rain or snow left soil moisture supplies about the same as last week. As of April 2, 46 percent of the State had adequate or surplus topsoil moisture, down 1 point from last week but 10 points ahead of last year and 2 points ahead of the 5-year average. About one-third of the state had adequate or surplus subsoil moisture supplies, near last year and average.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent						
Very Short	23	20	21	13	36	29	23
Short	31	33	43	43	33	38	49
Adeq	42	42	35	42	30	33	28
Surp	4	5	1	2	1	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Pltd	51	39	55	36
Barley Emgd	0	-	3	3
Oats Pltd	10	7	17	5
Spring Wheat Pltd	10	3	13	6
Sugarbeets	1	0	2	5

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 3.8 days were suitable for field work during the week. Early season planting continued in many areas. Barley planting passed the halfway point at 51 percent and was 4 points behind last year but 15 points ahead of average. The oats crop was 10 percent planted, down 7 points from last year but 5 points ahead of average pace. Spring wheat planting was also at 10 percent, 3 points behind last year but 4 points ahead of the average pace. Sugarbeet planting began in one county and was 1 percent complete statewide.

Winter wheat condition slipped a little in the Southeast, but conditions remained much better than last year. Fifty percent of the crop was in good to excellent condition. Last year at this time, only 31 percent of the crop was in good condition. About half of the winter wheat crop had no wind damage, and about two-thirds had no freeze damage.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Winter Wht	2	15	33	50	0

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	56	44	60	61
Farm Flock Ewes Lambd	63	51	65	65
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	67	57	69	66
Range Flock Ewes Lambd	12	8	10	11
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	27	17	31	26

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions were rated good or excellent in 24 percent of the State, down 5 points from last year but up 4 points from the 5-year average. Fifty-six percent of spring calves were born, 4 points behind last year and 5 points behind average. Farm flock lambing was at 63 percent complete, while farm flock shearing was at 67 percent. Both were near average. Range sheep lambing and shearing were also near average paces. Hay and roughage supplies were adequate or surplus in 78 percent of the state.

Cattle were rated at 73 percent good or excellent condition, down 6 points from last year but 1 point above average. Calves were rated 86 percent good or excellent, down 4 points from last year but 5 points above average. Two-thirds of sheep were rated good or excellent compared with 97 percent last year and the average pace of 87 percent. Lamb condition was better with 93 percent rated good or excellent, up 8 points from last year and 15 points above average.

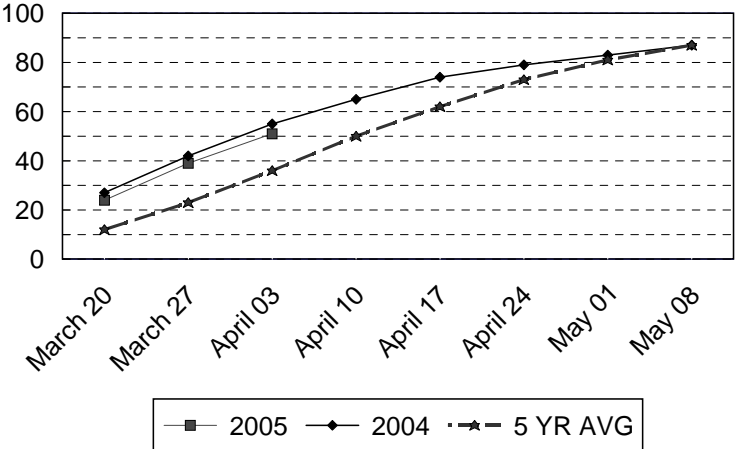
PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	44	44	9	14
Poor	16	15	14	22
Fair	16	24	48	44
Good	20	13	28	19
Excellent	4	4	1	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, April 1, temperatures were above normal. Temperatures ranged from 6.2 degrees below normal in Evanston to 6.1 degrees above normal in Sheridan. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Recluse at 6 degrees, and the high temperature was 74 at Torrington. Precipitation was below normal almost everywhere. The most precipitation fell in Afton with 0.43 inches, Rock Springs with 0.17, and Evanston with 0.16 inches. Only the Afton station recorded above normal weekly precipitation. Nearly all stations continue to be below normal for the year.

Barley Planted

Percent



TEMPERATURE : PRECIPITATION									
STATION	:	:	:	:	:	:	CUMULATIVE	1/	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	-----		
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	NORM :	
	:	:	:	DEP. :	AMT. :	DEP. :	1/05 :	THRU :	DEP.
	:	:	:	FROM :	PAST :	FROM :	TO :	CURR :	FROM
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM	

SNAKE DRAINAGE									
Jackson	50	16	-1.6	0.03	-0.22	2.46	3.72	-1.26	
Afton	44	11	-3.9	0.43	0.08	3.97	4.22	-0.25	
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE									
Uinta County AP	50	14	-6.2	0.16	-0.06	1.39	2.28	-0.89	
Big Piney AP	46	10	-1.4	0.00	-0.14	2.18	1.17	1.01	
Rock Springs AP	50	19	-4.1	0.17	-0.01	1.42	1.92	-0.50	
BIG HORN DRAINAGE									
Cody	64	21	2.6	0.00	-0.15	0.72	1.29	-0.57	
Deaver	67	18	0.8	0.00	-0.04	0.87	0.49	0.38	
Greybull AP	69	19	0.0	0.00	-0.09	0.21	1.09	-0.88	
Powell Field St	66	17	0.6	0.00	-0.07	0.36	0.60	-0.24	
Worland FAA AP	69	19	1.4	T	-0.12	0.29	0.95	-0.66	
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE									
Kaycee	65	21	2.1	0.00	-0.24	0.70	1.69	-0.99	
Sheridan WSO AP	70	20	6.1	0.01	-0.27	1.90	2.40	-0.50	
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE									
Recluse 11NNW	69	6	-0.1	0.00	-0.23	0.52	1.64	-1.12	
Sundance	64	16	2.9	0.03	-0.29	1.00	2.53	-1.53	
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE									
Newcastle	69	17	0.1	0.00	-0.22	1.43	1.92	-0.49	
Redbird	72	10	1.9	0.00	-0.25	0.93	1.65	-0.72	
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Archer	70	15	-0.3	0.03	-0.24	1.54	2.11	-0.57	
Casper AP	62	19	1.9	0.12	-0.12	1.05	2.19	-1.14	
Cheyenne AP	67	20	2.1	0.00	-0.26	0.84	2.05	-1.21	
Chugwater	69	18	0.3	0.03	-0.22	1.22	2.28	-1.06	
Douglas AP	68	15	2.5	0.03	-0.19	0.91	1.80	-0.89	
Torrington AP	74	16	3.1	0.04	-0.19	0.42	1.55	-1.13	
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE									
Lander AP	65	23	0.4	0.00	-0.37	1.87	2.37	-0.50	
Riverton AP	64	24	2.6	0.03	-0.11	0.65	1.03	-0.38	
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Laramie AP	58	16	1.4	T	-0.18	0.86	1.73	-0.87	
Rawlins AP	58	18	-0.4	0.11	-0.08	1.29	1.79	-0.50	
Saratoga	56	15	-0.8	0.13	-0.07	1.74	1.73	0.01	

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AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.
1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.